

Malaysia National Day Special

Upholding diplomacy amid challenging times

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Aug. 31 marks the 63rd anniversary of Malaysia's independence.

During this unprecedented era, Malaysians are reminded of our human spirit that is helping us get

through the coronavirus pandemic.

This resilience has also enabled Malaysia's progress over the past six decades since her independence in 1957.

This year's National Day celebration is themed "Malaysia Prihatin," translated as "Malaysia Cares." The theme was chosen in recognition of the caring, determined and patient nature of Malaysians in confronting the trials and tribulations posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

In short, it is a celebration dedicated to

civil servants, the private sector, volunteers, nongovernmental organizations and individuals who came together to fight the spread of the coronavirus in Malaysia, regardless of race, religion or political beliefs.

This day also marks the 63rd anniversary of Malaysia-Japan relations. These have been bolstered by ongoing engagements and cooperation across a wide range of areas including trade, investment, tourism, education, science and technology, as well as cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

Though the year 2020 has seen only two working visits, one by Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin bin Ali in February and a recent visit by Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi to Malaysia, bilateral engagements continue online as both nations embrace the "new normal."

Malaysia's Look East Policy has also continued to pave the way and to fortify the longstanding relations between our two countries. Under the ambit of

post-coronavirus recovery, cooperation between Malaysia and Japan continues, underscoring the pledge shared by both nations in combating the pandemic together. In retrospect, I have witnessed how diplomacy has evolved since my arrival in Tokyo in January 2019, especially in the way we work.

While online platforms have become our go-to options for communication, I must highlight the continuous backing received from our friends and communities in Japan during this time. It is my fervent hope that our strong partnership will continue to flourish, to mutually benefit both nations and our people.

On this joyous occasion, I wish to extend my sincere greetings and wish all Malaysians and friends of Malaysia a happy National Day! *Selamat Hari Kebangsaan!*

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Dato' Kennedy Jawan receiving face masks to be distributed to Malaysian students in Japan
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Telephone call between Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia and Toshimitsu Motegi, Foreign Minister of Japan on May 19, 2020. H2O_IMAGE

Dedicated to maintaining ties

MIKIO SASAKI
PRESIDENT, JAPAN-MALAYSIA ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION



On behalf of the Japan-Malaysia Economic Association (JAMECA), I would like to offer our most sincere congratulations to Malaysia upon the 63rd anniversary of your country's independence.

JAMECA was established in 1977 with the approval of both countries' prime ministers, seeking to enhance mutual understanding and goodwill between the economic circles of Japan and Malaysia, while promoting trade, investment, economic cooperation, tourism and culture between the two countries. Since our establishment, we have held annual joint conferences with our counterpart, the Malaysia-Japan Economic Association (MAJECA), organized events to promote exchanges and submitted proposals to our governments. The joint confer-

ence between JAMECA and MAJECA has been held alternately in Japan and Malaysia almost every year since 1977. At the conferences, we actively exchange opinions on issues such as trade, investment and technical cooperation. This year, the spread of the coronavirus has made it difficult to carry out activities as usual. However, utilizing online tools creates more opportunities for dialogue than ever, and we are enthusiastically seeking new ways to conduct activities to further strengthen the trusting relationship we have built with your country over 40 years.

JAMECA has been working with Malaysia on creating new business opportunities such as collaboration in the digital field, which is in line with the Malaysian government's digital transformation initiative. We will continue to further strengthen the economic relations between our two countries.

Once again, I pray for your continued prosperity on this 63rd anniversary of Malaysia's independence day. I also sincerely hope the coronavirus pandemic will subside soon so that we may move freely between our countries.



Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin launching the "Malaysia Prihatin" National Day Celebration in Putrajaya. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA OF MALAYSIA



Tugu Negara or the National Monument is a sculpture to commemorate the fallen soldiers who fought for Malaya's independence. TOURISM MALAYSIA

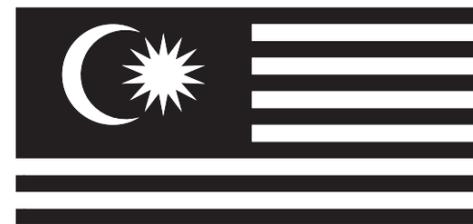
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